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Hello,

I want to express my opinion about Microsoft monopolistic advantage. I truly believe that Microsoft has a huge advantage over any of its competitors. Having Windows and giving away add-ons for free, they kill a lot of products which are better, but charging for those products cannot be justified when Microsoft's products are free. Microsoft can afford to give add-ons for free and having Windows as the most powerful distribution channel possible, they take unfair advantage.

Operating system is the foundation of every piece of hardware. No hardware can run without it. The company which controls operating system controls a lot of things. I truly believe that the operating system should be owned by independent third party which will provide the core set of operating system functionality to anybody who needs it on equal terms. This business is self sustaining and MUST be split away from Microsoft. This will insure that Microsoft does not have unfair advantage for other add-on product distribution by dictating Windows's terms of use.

I hope my government realizes all the seriousness of the situation and takes the proper steps to bring the spirit of competition back to the industry.

Thank you in advance

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